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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action of March 18, 2002. A request for continued examination transmittal and a petition for extension of time until July 18, 2002 is attached hereto.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 remain in this application.

Rejection Under 35 USC 103

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zhang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,245,347) in view of Fujiwara (U.S. Patent No. 4,205,957). See Pages 3-4 of the Office Action. According to the Office Action, "Zhang et al. discloses an exothermic device for topically delivering an active agent